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Wm. Goodell,
Honeoye, N.Y. Nov. 25/45.

Ans. Nov. 28.

We do not want to say that we are satisfied with the Board in all other respects except its course on Slavery. — I do not know as the expression referred to, would be so understood — but I thought I would mention it to you, & leave the matter to your judgment.

How would it do to substitute the following.

[We should not oppose their course, but upon high conscientious grounds]

Or, something to that effect, which you may better devise.

As to the time & place of the N.Y. Convention.

It should be in the winter, & great care should be taken to have the Notice Seasonable # that there may be full time to circulate the information, throughout our great State. We commonly err on this point.

It should be held at some point on the Rail Road. — Rochester, Canandaigua, or Syracuse, strike me, as suitable

You could consult S. D. Porter, Rochester — John Mosher, Canandaigua — and Charles A. Wheaton, Syracuse. Bro. Wheaton was at Boston & suggested Syracuse as a proper place. —

I think the Baptist Meeting House in Canandaigua might be had. That place would be convenient for me. But I am only one, & may be partial to this locality.

Yours truly Wm Goodell

#Say 6 or 8 weeks beforehand, if convenient, though 5 might answer, good one. It states the facts clearly and appropriately. — The appeal to *the Bible* is just the thing we want, to bring the issue fairly before the Community. — What a blessed thing it is that we have the "*Sure word*" in our possession, and that the Churches profess to Revere its authority. — What could we do, as *Reformers* without the Bible? I am more & more astonished, every day, at its fulness, & Sufficiency for all exigencies in Religion & morals — in the Church & in the State! — What can those think, who expect a Reformation, in casting it aside?

To return — If there be any thing in Your draft of the "Call" to be Criticised, it is *one* expression touching our Relation to the *Old Board*

"Our interest in, & affection for these agencies, has been Sincere and strong — *We are not their Enemies, now*"

It is this last Sentence, *underscored*, that I have Some little question about. — We are, indeed, "the *Enemies*" of no *man* — of none of the *Persons* on the Board. — But we are Speaking of *agencies*. And, for one, I am strongly *opposed* to any *organization* on the Model of the Board, viz (1) a Close Corporation, and (2) Wielding *Episcopal powers*. I Suppose you agree with me in Respect to the *former*, if not to the *latter* of these features.

We need not make issue with the Board, on any Subject but Slavery, in this Call, but when we Come to organize, our opposition to Some of its "organic" features may be manifest.

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Honeoye Ontario Co. N.Y. Tuesday ~~Wednesday~~ Nov 25/45.

Dear bro Phelps

Your Letter post-marked 17th reached me on Saturday, afternoon, and should have been answered by the next returning mail (this morning) but for an unexpected Summons to the death bed of a dying neighbor — which has occupied all my thoughts since —

Yesterday I showed your Letter & Call to bro. E. C. Winchester, who preaches in Bristol Center in this County. He was much pleased with it and took a copy to procure names in his town and forward you. — I send also a few names, procured at our Monthly Concert on Monday Evening — As a Selection between those whose names I send could have seemed invidious, I give you one more name than you mentioned as a Quota for us.

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Gideon Pitts
Benjamin Stewart
Samuel B. Franklin
Phinehas Noble
Cyrus Pitts.
Hiram Pitts
William Goodell
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The form of the Call, I think, is a very